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Management Plan Review

**Marine Mammal Entanglement Working Group – Draft Agenda**

**Date:** 7 January 2004  
**Location:** SBNMS, Scituate, MA

TIME	TOPICS AND OBJECTIVES
9:30-10:00	<p>•<b>Why Are We Here</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Status of the Management Plan Review</li> <li>- The Working Group Process</li> <li>- Mechanics, Responsibilities, and Decision Making</li> <li>- Purpose and Structure of a Action Plan</li> <li>- How Does the Action Plan Fit into the Draft Management Plan?</li> </ul> <p><b>Objective:</b> Familiarize working group members <b>not at the 10 December meeting</b> with the management plan review process and the how's and why's of the working group.</p> <p><b>Discussion Leader:</b> David Wiley</p>
10:00-10:15	<p>•<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Round Robin (Name, Affiliation, Background, and Interests)</li> </ul> <p><b>Review of minutes from past meeting</b></p> <p><b>Old Business</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Leader:</b> Dave Wiley</p>
10:15-10:45	<p><b>Current Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team Regulations Impacting SBNMS</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Diane Borggaard, NMFS</p>
10:45-11:15	<p>• <b>Summary of Gear Research and Review of Gear Aspects of Past Entanglement</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Provide information on current gear research and ways to reduce entanglement risk within the SBNMS</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> John Kenney, NMFS</p>
11:15-11:45	<p>• <b>Lobster Fishery Trends and Summary of MADMF Gear Modification Research</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Provide information on current gear research and ways to reduce entanglement risk within the SBNMS</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Ed Lyman, MADMF</p>



11:45-12:15	<p>• <b>Review of Cape Cod Bay Experience with Gear Modification and Other Actions to Reduce Right Whale Entanglement</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Familiarize working group with actions in Cape Cod Bay</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Gary Ostrum, MLA</p>
12:15-12:45	• <b>LUNCH</b>
12:45-1:00	<p>• <b>Potential Risk Reduction Through Use on Non-float Line in the SBNMS</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Dave Wiley, SBNMS</p>
1:00-1:30	<p>• <b>Discussion of Gear Modification as Risk Reduction Tool</b></p> <p><b>Discussion Leader:</b> Regina Asmutis, Chair</p>
1:30-1:45	• Break
1:45-2:15	<p><b>Summary of Disentanglement Success In and Around the SBNMS with an Emphasis on Ways to Improve Success</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> David Morin, CCS</p>
2:15-4:00	<p>• <b>Round Table Discussion and Action Plan:</b> <b>How Can the SBNMS Improve Disentanglement Efforts within the Sanctuary?</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Develop recommendations for draft action plan</p> <p><b>Discussion Leader:</b> R. Asmutis &amp; D. Wiley</p>
4:00-4:30	<p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting Schedule</li> <li>- Agenda for Meeting #3 Working Group Recommendations for Reducing Risk from Lobster Fishery</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion Leader:</b> Regina Asmutis</p>